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SUBJ: "LESSONS LEARNED" BRIEFING FOR JNA

REF: STATE 31504

1. AMB ACCOMPANIED BY DATT/AIRA MET WITH DEPSECDEF COL GEN SUMONJA THIS DATE TO CONVEY SUBSTANCE REFTEL AND REVIEW PROGRESS OTHER MILITARY PROJECTS. SUMONJA APPEARED DELIGHTED WITH PROSPECT BRIEFING. HE PROMISED TO CHECK TIME FRAME FOR ACCEPTABILITY AND ADVISE ON 24 FEB. SUMONJA REQUESTED DETAILS OF BRIEFING ORIENTATION AND TEAM MEMBERS' SPECIALITIES ASAP SO JNA CAN SET UP APPROPRIATE AUDIENCE OF EXPERTS. SUMONJA REEMPHASIZED PRIMARY INTEREST IN LESSONS LEARNED IN YOM KIPPUR (73) AND VIETNAM WARS. REQUEST THIS DATA BE FORWARDED DAO FOR TRANSMISSION JAN.

2. DURING VISIT TWO COPIES (SERBO-CROATIAN) OF LIST OF INFORMATION/MATERIAL REQUESTS WHICH YUGO MILATT IN DC WILL PASS TO ASD/ISA WERE HANDED OVER. SUMONJA STATED THAT YUGO MILATT ALREADY HAS LIST. REQUEST ADVISE IF ASD/ISA IS IN RECEIPT.

3. AMB RAISED FOLLOWING SUBJECT:

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A. C&GS AND AC&SC STUDENTS IN 75: SUMONJA PROMISED PERSONAL INTEREST IN EARLY SELECTION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF TWO EACH ARMY AND AIR FORCE OFFICERS FOR SUMMER 75 COURSES.

B. EIGHT INCH AMMUNITION: JNA TESTS ON THE SAMPLE LOT ARE STILL IN PROGRESS. THE DECISION ON THE TOTAL AMOUNT WILL BE FORTHCOMING SOON.

4. GEN. SUMONJA RAISED SUBJECT OF USAF DEL TO VISIT YUGOSLAVIA IN 75. HE STATED THAT A VISIT BY A USAF TEAM WAS APPROPRIATE AND IN ORDER AS A FOLLOW-ON TO THE JAF VISIT IN 73 AND WAS AGREED ON DURING SEC ELLSWORTH'S VISIT, BUT THAT JNA WOULD NOT INSIST ON IT. AMB REPLIED HE ASSUMED USAF WAS INTERESTED AND WOULD SOON FOCUS ON TIMING BUT HE WOULD CHECK IT OUT. FROM THIS EXCHANGE IT IS APPARENT THAT THE GENERAL INVITATION ISSUED BY SUMONJA DURING THE ELLSWORTH VISIT WILL NOT BE FOLLOWED BY A SPECIFIC INVITATION AND IT IS UP TO U.S. TO SUGGEST TIME FRAME. AMB CONSIDERS SEPT-OCT BEST TIME FOR VISIT.
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